

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 05866 030408Z

62

ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 NEA-10 ISO-00 ACDA-07 ERDA-05

AF-08 ARA-06 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NASA-01 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OIC-02 SP-02 PA-01 PRS-01

OES-06 SS-15 USIA-06 SAJ-01 /125 W

----- 101431

P R 030133Z DEC 76

FM USMISSION USUN NY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1375

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSION NATO

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5866

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UNGA

SUB: UNGA DISARMAMENT: JAPANESE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESOLUTION DIES

REF: USUN 5824 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS OF RES ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS REACHED A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE WITH PALISTANIS, RES WAS KILLED ON FLOOR OF FIRST COMMITTEE BY MEANS OF INDIAN MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSULTATIONS LATE DEC 1 BETWEEN JAPANESE AND OTHER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 05866 030408Z

CO-SPONSORS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RES AND PAKISTANIS LED TO

AGREEMENT ON RELATIVELY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO RES. PAKISTANIS
AGREED TO WITHDRAW THEIR AMENDMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR
FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS: (A) INSERTION OF PHRASE
"FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AND" IN THE SECOND
PREAMBULAR PARA FOLLOWING "RECOGNIZING THE NECESSITY
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ARMS BY STATES"; (B) INSERTION
OF PHRASE "AS AN INITIAL STEP" IN THIRD OPERATIVE PARA,
WHICH WOULD THUS REQUEST THE SEC GEN WITH EXPERT
ASSISTANCE TO MAKE "AS AN INITIAL STEP" A FACTUAL STUDY
OF THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER QUESTION; (C) AMEND-
MENT IN THE FOURTH OPERATIVE PARA OF THE TITLE OF THE
AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT YEAR TO READ "QUESTION OF THE PRO-
DUCTION AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTION ARMS."

3. JAPANESE AMB OGISO READ THESE AMENDMENTS ORALLY TO
FIRST COMMITTEE AND SOUTH PROMPT VOTE ON THE RES,
AS AMENDED. HOWEVER, INDIAN AMB MISHRA, SECONDED
BY BRAZIL AND CONGO, MADE PROCEDURAL MOTION OF ADJOURN-
MENT OF DEBATE. MOTION WAS PUT TO A RECORDED VOTE AND
CARRIED; 51 IN FAVOR, 32 AGAINST, WITH 33 ABSTENTIONS.
PRECISE TALLY BELOW. POSITIVE VOTES WERE CAST GENERALLY
BY AFRICAN, MIDDLE EAST, AND SOVIET BLOC DELS. NEGATIVE
VOTES WERE PRIMARILY WESTERN (INCLUDING US), WITH SIGNI-
FICANT NUMBER OF LATINS AND SCATTERING OF ASIANS AND
AFRICANS. ABSTENTIONS CAME FROM VIRTUALLY ALL GROUPS.
CHINA AND ALBANIA DID NOT VOTE.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE ENDED POSSIBILITY OF ANY
ACTION ON RES.

5. COMMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THE JAPANESE PRESSED
FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION, OR WHY
THEY DID NOT SEEK TO POSTPONE VOTE ON THE INDIAN PROPOSAL.
SOME OF THE OTHER COSPONSORS HAD STRONGLY URGED THEM
TO DELAY, CORRECTLY PREDICTING THE OUTCOME OF THE PRO-
CEDURAL VOTE. MOREOVER, JAPANESE APPARTNELLY KNEW THAT
INDIANS HAD A SECOND PROPOSAL IN RESERVE IF THEIR FIRST
FAILED -- THE INDIANS WOULD HAVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO DELETE THE PARAGRAPHS CALLING FOR AN EXPERTS' STUDY
OF THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER ISSUE. A COMPROMISE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USUN N 05866 030408Z

ALONG THESE LINES WOULD AT LEAST HAVE ENSURED THAT
THE SUBJECT WAS PLACED ON THE UNGA'S AGENDA NEXT YEAR.
HOWEVER, JAPANESE APPARENTLY BELIEVED THEY COULD
GET ENOUGH NEGATIVE VOTES TO DEFEAT THE INDIAN PROCEDURAL
MOVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY MADE NO VISIBLE EFFORT TO SECURE
THEIR POSITION. AS IT TURNED OUT, THE ABRUPT DEMISE OF THE
JAPANESE EFFORT -- WHICH NOW JOINTS THE ILL-FATED 1965
MALTESE AND 1968 DANISH EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD -- IS LIKELY TO

DISCOURAGE FURTHER MOVES TO BRING THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS
TRANSFER ISSUE INTO UNGA DEBATES FOR THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT SOME DELS (NOTABLY
THE DUTCH) MAY ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPECIAL
STATURE OF THE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978
TO PROMOTE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE WITHIN A BROADER
FRAMEWORK. END COMMENT.
SCRANTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISARMAMENT, UNGA RESOLUTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976USUNN05866
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760447-0389
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761273/aaaacldn.tel
Line Count: 123
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 USUN NEW YORK 5824
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 APR 2004 by ellisoob>; APPROVED <06 AUG 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UNGA DISARMAMENT: JAPANESE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESOLUTION DIES
TAGS: PARM, PORG, US, UNGA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006